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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A laminate film, comprising, in this order: a biaxially oriented polymer film substrate; a metal-containing layer; and an EVOH layer directly on the metal-containing layer, wherein said metal-containing layer has an optical density of about 1.5 to 5.0.
- 2. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the polymer film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyolefin, polyester, polyamide and combinations thereof.
- 3. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the polymer film comprises polyolefin.
- 4. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the metal-containing layer is a vacuum metallized layer.
- 5. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, further comprising an adjacent layer of anhydride modified polyolefin on the EVOH layer.
- 6. (Original) The laminate film of claim 5, wherein the adjacent layer comprises a blend of a polyolefin resin and maleic anhydride modified adhesive resin, wherein the polyolefin resin is a low density polyethylene, a medium density polyethylene, polypropylene or combination thereof.

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7. (Original) The laminate film of claim 5, further comprising a second film layer on the adjacent layer, the second film layer comprising polypropylene, poly(ethylene terephthalate), or combination thereof.

- 8. (Original) The laminate film of claim 7, wherein the second film layer is vacuum metallized or non-metallized.
- 9. (Original) The laminate film of claim 7, further comprising a second barrier layer directly on the EVOH layer, the second barrier layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of amorphous nylon and PVDC.
- 10. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the structure has a oxygen transmission rate of $0.5 \text{ cc/m}^2/\text{day}$ or less.
- 11. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the structure has a oxygen transmission rate of 0.35 cc/m^2 /day or less.
- 12. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the structure has a oxygen transmission rate of $0.2 \text{ cc/m}^2/\text{day}$ or less.
- 13. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, further comprising: a heat sealable layer or winding layer comprising an antiblock component selected from the group consisting of amorphous silicas, aluminosilicates, sodium calcium aluminum silicate, a crosslinked silicone polymer and polymethylmethacrylate.
- 14. (Original) The laminate film of claim 13, wherein said heat-sealable layer or winding layer has a thickness of about 0.5 to 5.0 μm.

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15. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein said substrate has a thickness of about 6 to 40 μ m.

- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein said substrate is discharge-treated in an atmosphere of CO₂ and N₂.
- 18. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the metal-containing layer comprises aluminum.
- 19. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the metal-containing layer is a metal layer, a metal oxide layer or combinations thereof.
- 20. (Original) The laminate film of claim 19, wherein the metal oxide is aluminum oxide, silicon oxide or combinations thereof.
- 21-23. (Canceled)
- 24. (Original) The laminate film of claim 1, wherein the EVOH layer is a extruded EVOH layer or a laminated EVOH layer.
- 25. (Currently amended) A laminate film, consisting of:
- a biaxially oriented polymer film substrate;
- a metal-containing layer; and
- an EVOH layer directly on the metal-containing layer, wherein said metal-containing layer has an optical density of about 1.5 to 5.0.